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Dear Mrs. Draper,

2004-03-07

May I please discuss with you on a phone call on March 9 or the subsequent days, if you are out of the your office on March 9, at 3 pm Washington local time or 9 pm European local time, the following cases:

- a) I wish to extend the number of the amended claims by including the claims 4, 5, 26 and 27 of the translation of DE 197 49 780 C2 (EP 1 037 773 B1), submitted to USPTO on Oct. 8, 2000.
 1. The claims 4 and 5 and specification pp. 1/ lines 35-36, pp. 3/ lines 44-47, pp. 5/ lines 37-38, pp. 6/ lines 32-46 and pp. 8/ lines 38-39 (anti-submarining buckle assemblies 7, 8, 8a to 8d) address the measures against submarining.
 2. The claims 26 and 27 and specification pp. 3/ lines 18-28 and pp. 7/ lines 36-37 address the shoulder-belt-portion deflectors, superior to the turning mechanism ref. to US 5,599,070, to loosely guide the shoulder belt portion over the torso.
- b) The references, you cited, US 6,145,881, 6,375,270 and 6,076,894 were filed to USPTO on 01/05/99, 01/03/2000 and 02/26/99 after the national and international prior date of all four divisional apps, above-mentioned, on 11/11/97 and 11/10/98. The remaining references that you cited and the ones "US 3,977,696, US 5,123,673, US 5,411,319....", briefly described in pp. 3 line 4 to 5, are outlined in the amended specification.
- c) Reference numeral is found in the claims of the patent docs US 6,145,881, Re. 34,051 etc. Do you wish to have claims without reference numeral?
- d) When you grant patent thereon, USPTO will charge me
 1. a publication fee (Free code 195) of \$ 300 and
 2. patent maintenance fees of \$ 440 (183/283), \$ 1,010 (184/284) or \$ 1,550 (185/285).
 Any other fees? Does USPTO allow me to choose one of the patent maintenance fees linked to the respective maintenance periods?

I have already met the president of one of the three US-car companies, who, after having listened my explanation over my patents and the advantages, carried by himself all my patent docs, reports and papers, totally weighing 2.8 kg.

Thank you for your attention in advance.

Kind regards

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